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Dear Josh,

I can only repeat what everyone (Sol, John, Burr, Kamen, et. al.) has told me and will tell you. I am nuts--just plain crazy!! This has now been twice verified. Two years ago everybody shouted, "Don't go to medical school", and I promptly set out to be a doctor. Recently, the same people, plus many additional men advised against ever working in the Cori Lab.. Again (but not so promptly) I have rejected the better advice of others and decided to remain in St. Louis. I seem to have an uncanny ability for doing precisely the opposite of what I am told. The large question mark in my mind will probably not be completely erased for some time. I will either last several years or several months in this strange, disreputable Biochemistry Department.

I find it impossible to express adequately my appreciation for the offers which you proposed. I can only say, with added meaning in thought, THANKS A MILLION. I am very sorry to have caused you so much trouble. It was certainly considerate of you to have made so many arrangements for me with the administration. My gratitude extends far beyond words.

With many apologies, and
many more thanks,

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